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Case No. : SIC/JRT.4/2022

Appellant : Sri Jugal Kishore Koushik

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Circle Officer, Jorhat (West) Revenue

Circle

Date of hearing : 23.05.2022

Second Appeal heard by : Sri Kanak Ch. Sarma

State Information Commissioner, Assam

# ORDER 23.05.2022

The appellant Sri Jugal Kishore Koushik through his e-mailed letter dated 10.05.2022 informed the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing owing to his illness and requested to exempt him from attendance and to take action as deem fit.

Sri Pallab Jyoti Das, Circle Officer and SPIO, Jorhat (West) Rev. Circle is present.

Perused the case record. The appellant submitted one application dated 29.10.2021 under the RTI Act, 2005 before the Circle Officer, Jorhat (West) Rev. Circle seeking certain informations. He did not receive the desired informations within the stipulated period of time and submitted 1<sup>st</sup> appeal petition dated 13.12.2021 before the Circle Officer, Jorhat (West) Rev. Circle. The Circle Officer furnished informations through letter no. JWC3/2017/1152 dated 27.12.2021. The appellant was not satisfied with the informations so furnished by the SPIO and preferred 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal dated 31.01.2022 before the Commission.

Seen the RTI application dated 29.10.2021. The appellant seems to have not sought any information but it is a long list of questions only. The Central Information Commission's order dated 21.04.2006 in case no. CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 reads as follows-

"It is not open to an appellant to ask, in the guise of seeking information, questions to the public authorities about the nature and quality of their actions. The RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries, as in this case, in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes, such as, why, what, when and whether. The petitioner's right extends only to seeking informations as defined in Section 2(f) either by pinpointing the file, document, paper or record, etc. or by mentioning the type of information as may be available with the specified public authority."

Therefore, the appellant is at liberty to submit application afresh if he desires so seeking informations as required by him.

With the above directions, the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal dated 31.01.2022 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Kanak Ch. Sarma) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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## Dtd.23.05.2022

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- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Circle Officer, Jorhat (West) Revenue Circle, Dist.- Jorhat, Assam, Pin-785 013 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority / o/o the Circle Officer, Jorhat (West) Revenue Circle, Dist.- Jorhat, Assam, Pin- 785 013 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Sri Jugal Kishore Koushik , S/o- Sri Durgeswar Sarma, Sarbaibandha, Krishnanagar, Dist.- Jorhat, Assam, Pin- 785 001, Contact No. 9435671828 for information.
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